# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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IMPORT OF RAPESEED OIL
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) the countries from which the sunflower and rapeseed oil are being imported;

(b) whether the Government have a proposal to import sunflower and refined rapeseed oil on concessional duty;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the import target fixed by the Government in this regard for the year 2002-2003?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( S SREENIVASA PRASAD )

(a),(b),(c)&(d): Import of edible oils (other than copra/coconut oil) is under the Open General License. Government does not fix any target for import of edible oils. Such imports depend upon the demand supply position of edible oils in the country, international and domestic prices and the commercial judgement of the importers.

During the current oil year (November-October) till June, 2002, as per availableinformation Crude sunflower oil has been imported from Argentina while canola/rapeseed oil has been imported from Canada.

There is a position for import of crude sunflower or sunflower oil upto an aggregate of 1.50 lakh M.Ts (Tariff Rate Quota) in 2002-2003 at a concessional customs duty of 50% (against the normal duty of 75%). Similarly, there is a provision for import of refined, rapeseed, colza or mustard oil upto an aggregate of 1.50 lakh M.Ts (Tariff Rate Quota) in 2002-2003 at a concessional customs duty of 45% plus Special Additional Duty of 4% (against the normal duty of 75% plus Special Additional Duty of 4%).